## National Park Service, Pacific West Region Visitor and Resource Protection Division Guns in Parks Park Summary Document

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# Summary of Firearms Laws by State, Territory, or Protectorate Pacific West Region

### Washington

#### **Firearms Definitions**

"Firearm" means a weapon or device from which a projectile or projectiles may be fired by an explosive such as gunpowder.

#### **Open Carry Allowed**

Handgun Yes Rifle Yes

In Vehicle Only if unloaded

Age requirement 18

#### Concealed Permit Required

Person Yes; see exception.

Exception: Any person engaging in a lawful outdoor recreational activity such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, or horseback riding, only if, considering all of the attendant circumstances, including but not limited to whether the person has a valid hunting or fishing license, it is reasonable to conclude that the person is participating in lawful outdoor activities or is

traveling to or from a legitimate outdoor recreation area.

Vehicle Yes, but must be carried on person

State Reciprocity 9 states, Section 9.41.073

#### **State Reciprocity**

http://www.atg.wa.gov/ConcealedWeapons/Reciprocity.aspx

Relevant Statutes: (not inclusive)

State Statutes Title 9, Chapter 9.41 RCW; Chapter 77.15.460; Chapter 700.74; Chapter 9A.56.310

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=9.41&full=true

http://www.atg.wa.gov/